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1. In November 1948, the Soviet Trade Delegation in Switzerland purchased from the Brown-Boveri firm repair parts for steam turbines for an electrical power plant in Stalingrad. The price totaled approximately \$300,000. The parts will be delivered in April 1949 to Stalingrad. The machines there are used for building up heat reserve (Wärmereserve) for the Volga power works.
2. The Soviet Trade Delegation approached the Escher-Wyss Co., Hardstrasse 319, Zürich, to purchase heat pumps (Wärmepumpen). The price offered was attractive, but Director Ernst Schmidheiny refused the contract for fear the Soviets would copy these pumps later without paying a license fee. In such a case, the Swiss Government would be in no position to protect him.
3. The von Roll'sche Eisenwerke, Gerlafingen, was approached by the Soviet Trade Delegation in December 1948 concerning the delivery of a steel rolling mill for Leningrad, but the company avoided entering into a transaction by stating that the minimum time for delivery would be two years.

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